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1. General FRANCO reportedly offered Don Juan, shortly prior to 8 November, an allowance as "Alteza Real." Don Juan refused to accept anything.
2. General KINDELAN and other oppositionist Monarchists in Madrid were not advised by Don Juan that his son was about to come to Spain. The arrangements for the trip were carried out by pro-FRANCO Monarchists. Some of the oppositionist Monarchists were offended, but were placated by KINDELAN, who suggested that Don Juan had refrained from notifying them in order to avoid possible harmful incidents. KINDELAN and the other Monarchists reportedly are completely uninformed regarding Don Juan's plans.
3. Don Juan reportedly told a Bilbao Monarchist at a Monarchist meeting in Portugal about the first of November that agreement already had been reached with FRANCO on the restoration of the Monarchy. Another meeting in Portugal, with about thirty Monarchists attending, reportedly was scheduled to be held before the end of November.
4. FRANCO's daughter Carmen reportedly has a new fiance, a certain BORDIU (fnu). According to the informant, the Caudillo told his daughter to hold up plans for the wedding until after he withdrew from political life.

(Field Comment. Rumors are prevalent that FRANCO's wife, who is generally considered to have great influence on him, is urging him to withdraw from political life. Presumably he would remain in Spain, "in reserve," after proclaiming that the contribution of his Movement was complete and that he was content to turn the situation over to Don Juan.)

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